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## THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE AND ABVI-GOODWILL PARTNER TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### \*\*\**MEDIA ADVISORY*\*\*\*

**WHO:** **Public Printer of the United States Bruce James**, head of the Government Printing Office (GPO), **Congresswoman Louise Slaughter** and **ABVI-Goodwill officials**

**WHY:** The Government Printing Office (GPO), a forerunner in employing and supporting people with disabilities, and ABVI-Goodwill, a leading employer of people who are blind or visually impaired in the Rochester, NY area, are working together to create jobs for people with disabilities. The relationship between GPO and ABVI-Goodwill is a strong example of a Government agency using its resources to partner with the private sector to make certain that people with disabilities can earn a living. According to Lighthouse International, nationally, only 41.5% of people 21 to 64 years of age who have a visual impairment are employed, compared with 84% of people in the same age group without a visual impairment. Hear about the strides being made, view the manufacturing facilities where real work is done and see how this partnership can improve local businesses.

**WHEN:** **Monday, March 8, 2004 at 1:00 PM**

**WHERE:** The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI)-Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, Inc.  
422 South Clinton Avenue (corner of Byron Street)  
Rochester, NY 14620

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